

Dan Loose was a leader in high school on the playing field and off, that same tenacity and ambition has continued throughout his life. His time at New Ulm High School was filled with sports; from football to basketball to baseball; he didn't just play those sports, he excelled at them. In fact, he was named all-conference in all of them.

Dan's high caliber of play led to him being recruited to play defensive back at North Dakota State University. He played three years for the Bison and received all-conference awards and was a part of NDSU's national championship football team in 1965. He also played baseball for NDSU for three seasons and for two seasons led the team in stolen bases. He was named to the Bison Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990. Dan's success in football at the collegiate level led to the opportunity in 1968, to try out for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, part of the Canadian Football League.

The dream of playing professional football however was cut short as he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served as a military policeman from 1968 to 1971.

Dan began his career with Kraft in New Ulm in 1965 as a part time employee. He came back to Kraft after he served in the military. He worked at the Kraft corporate headquarters in Illinois until he was promoted to plant manager in New Ulm in 1986 and remained in that position until 1994. He worked tirelessly to both improve and expand the plant. Dan was instrumental in advancing the economic climate in New Ulm due to the many new jobs that the plant expansion provided. He then returned to the corporate headquarters where he worked on various projects including traveling extensively to Kraft plants around the country. He retired in 2002.

Dan has served our community through giving of his time. He coached youth sports for many, many summers; he was on several boards including the city of New Ulm zoning board as well as the Alliance Bank board of directors.

In 1995 Dan had a brain tumor removed; and while his mobility may have decreased, his zest and love for life and more importantly, for his family, has never slowed down. He serves as an inspiration to many who watch as he approaches any struggles with positivity and perseverance. Dan has had many successes on the field of play and in life from being a great athlete, distinguished businessman, grateful family man and a truly all-around good guy.